

You may think it strange that Brother Gillin and his wife would spend a part of their "honeymoon" life in this way, but really they could not use the time in a better way. And why not serve God at all times? Gillin is decidedly a man of deep convictions. God bless him and his wife.

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PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL CONVENTIONS OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH AND SUN- DAY-SCHOOLS OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Held in the Brethren Church, New Enterprise, Pa., June 3, 4, 5 and 6.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Nineteenth Annual Sunday-school convention of the Brethren church convened at 2 P. M.

Was opened with singing by the choir. Scripture reading by Rev. W. L. Spanogle, followed with prayer by Rev. A. D. Gnagey. Singing by congregation. A very excellent Address of Welcome was made by Miss Lottie Brumbaugh, being responded to by brothers H. R. Holsinger, I. D. Bowman, J. B. Wampler and others.

After singing by the congregation the convention proceeded to organize. A motion was made and passed that the Moderator appoint a committee on credentials, they to confer with the Secretary and present a list to the convention. A motion was made and passed that all credentials be received by this committee. The committee on credentials made their report showing the following delegates enrolled:

Benjamin Benshoff, Rosedale; Edward Bryan, Altoona; Renzie Furry, New Enterprise; F. P. Eicher, Mt. Pleasant; Ed. Grace, Riddlesburg; Ella Harmon, Jones' Mills; Harry Longanecker, Johnstown; Rosa Replogle, Johnstown; Allie Smith, Salisbury; Ed. Wilkins, Mt. Vernon; Mrs. J. H. Knepper, Berlin; Mrs. G. W. Brallier, Berlin; Hiram Goughnour, Conemaugh; A. X. Diamond, Pittsburg; Mrs. D. J. Bole, Pittsburg; Ida Baker, McKees; Geo. M. Fox, New Enterprise; Annie Fike, Meyersdale; Dora Furry, Altoona; Harry J. Horner, Morrellville; Austin Hayes, Moxham; Clarence Livenood, Salisbury; P. M. Swinehart, Mazon-town; Alice Witt, McKees; Mary A. Wengert, Fredericksburg; Rev. J. H. Knepper, Listie; J. C. Hilderbrand, Moxham; Pat O'Neil, Conemaugh; Rev. D. MacGregor, Pittsburg; Benjamin Letcher, Listie.

A motion was made and carried that the report of the committee on credentials be received, and that the committee be discharged with the thanks of the convention. Moderator Mackey announced that the convention would proceed to the elec-

tion of officers. A motion was made and carried that the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes on first ballot be the only ones to be voted for on second ballot. Moderator Mackey appointed the following tellers: J. E. Parsons, M. J. Beachy, and Hiram Goughnour. A motion was made and carried, that, of the two persons being balloted for, for the office of Moderator, the one receiving the lowest number of votes, be made Vice Moderator. The election of officers resulted as follows:

Moderator, Rev. J. C. Mackey; Vice Moderator, Rev. J. H. Knepper; Secretary, J. E. Parsons; Treasurer, Hiram Goughnour.

After the election of officers, the choir rendered some music. The Moderator appointed the following committees: Committee on Queries, Pat O'Neil, Allie Smith, and Rosa Replogle. Committee on Resolutions, Rev. J. H. Knepper, Rev. I. D. Bowman, and Milton J. Beachy. Committee on Tabular Statement, Rev. J. W. Smouse, Renzie Furry, and Austin Hayes. The topic of the afternoon, "Best Method of Electing Teachers and Officers for the Sunday-school," was according to program, discussed by brother Hiram Goughnour. After a general discussion of the subject by sister M. C. Meyers, Brothers Holsinger, Wise, and others, a motion was made and carried, that we have the convention opened to all denominations to give some worthy workers in the Sunday-school cause an opportunity for expression. The Moderator then called upon Mr. Masters of Everett, Pa., who responded.

The following resolution was presented by Brother Holsinger, and adopted by the convention:

Resolved, That in future Sunday-school conventions we advise that the officers be selected from the *Active Sunday-school workers* among the laity, and without partiality to sex. Music by the choir. Brother A. D. Gnagey, Editor of the EVANGELIST, was introduced and made a short address to the convention. Brother J. B. Wampler presented the following resolution, referring to the topic, "Best Method of Electing Teachers and Officers for the Sunday-school," which was referred to the committee on Resolutions.

Resolved, That there is *no best method*, therefore let each congregation adopt such methods as will bring about the best results.

Adjourned at 5 P. M. to meet at 7:30 P. M.

SECOND SESSION

Was opened at 7 P. M. with prayer and praise service, by brother Henry Wise,

which had according to program been assigned to brother E. E. Roberts. After prayers and testimonies by many of the brethren, this service closed with singing by congregation at 8:20 P. M. Reading of the minutes of the former session, which were adopted. The answering of queries being next on the program, were taken up as follows:

1. To Rev. E. E. Haskins, "How shall we make it most interesting for a large Bible Class?"
2. To Rev. J. H. Knepper, "Should the Sabbath-school have a Lookout Committee?"
3. To Rev. J. B. Wampler, "Is a man who does not attend Sunday-school, as an active worker, a true follower of the Master?"
4. To brother J. C. Cassel, "What is to be done with noisy, disobedient boys, in Sunday-school, who refuse to give their attention?"
5. To Rev. A. D. Gnagey, "What place can the pastor best fill in the Sabbath-school?"
6. To Rev. M. C. Meyers, "Should Sunday-school officers be frequently changed?"
7. To Rev. J. F. Koontz, "About what age do you think a child can be converted?"

All the queries were responded to by those to whom they were assigned, as well as others who felt interested in the questions. At this point of procedure a motion was made by Brother Spanogle, seconded by Brother Haskins, that when we adjourn, we do so at 9:45 P. M. Carried. The topic of the evening, "Should teachers and scholars be promoted in the Sunday-school?" was responded to by Rev. W. A. Harmon. Brothers Albert Trent and W. Z. Replogle who were placed on the program with Brother Harmon, did not appear at convention. Music by congregation.

Treasurer Hiram Goughnour made his report, which was accepted by the convention.

Rev. J. W. Smouse, chairman of the committee on Tabulated Statement made the following report:

No. of Officers,	152
No. of Teachers,	156
No. of Scholars,	1770
Total Collections,	\$743.55
No. of Church members in school,	646
No. of Scholars added to church,	217

NOTE.—This report is for six months only, and is not based on twelve month's percentage. The committee on Resolutions having no report, were dismissed by the convention.